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HOUSE BILL 274

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR WATER PROJECTS OF STATEWIDE
SIGNIFICANCE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Two hundred eighty million dollars

(\$280,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
funds and agencies identified below in the following amounts
for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 and subsequent fiscal years
for the following purposes:

(1) seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000)
to the Indian water rights settlement fund to pay the state's
portion of the costs necessary to implement Indian water rights
settlements approved by the legislature and the United States
congress;

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1 (2) a final forty-eight million dollars
2 (\$48,000,000) to the interstate stream commission to complete
3 the Pecos River Compact settlement;

4 (3) thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to
5 the improvement of Rio Grande income fund for the middle Rio
6 Grande Endangered Species Act collaborative program;

7 (4) seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) to the
8 interstate stream commission for the Gila river settlement in
9 the federal Arizona Water Settlements Act, to be used to
10 conduct a full and inclusive process of public involvement,
11 complete a thorough scientific assessment of ecological
12 conditions in the Gila river basin and perform a full analysis
13 of all water needs and supply alternatives in the southwestern
14 water-planning region;

15 (5) seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000) to
16 the interstate stream commission for the Ute pipeline project;

17 (6) forty-four million dollars (\$44,000,000)
18 to the New Mexico irrigation works construction fund for
19 acequia and dam safety improvements statewide; and

20 (7) six million dollars (\$6,000,000) to the
21 interstate stream commission for La Plata conservancy
22 district's cost share of the Animas-La Plata project.

23 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
24 at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general
25 fund.

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Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.